

Shadow Puppets printable (or draw your own), black cardstock, scissors, tape, popsicle sticks, small cardboard box, pencil or marker, wax paper, ruler, flashlight. Craft knife (adults only!).

Follow the steps below to build your shadow puppet theater and make shadow puppets.

**Step 1:** Use a ruler and pencil to trace a rectangle on one side of your box.

**Step 2:** Carefully cut along the lines to create a window opening in the box.

**Step 3:** Tape a sheet of wax paper to the opening to create a screen for your theater.

**Step 4:** Trace the stencils onto black cardstock, and cut them out. Tape popsicle sticks to the back.

Enjoy your shadow puppet theater!

Set up your theater so that the audience can view the screen. The puppeteer will sit or stand behind the theater. Dim the lights. Set up the flashlight to shine at the back of the screen. Hold the puppets up to the screen to entertain your audience!



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